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Mayor's Corner

It's almost summertime – time to swim, fish, play ball, cook outside, or just relax. If you would like to take a trip back in time this summer, you don't have to travel far; the National Park Service has many interesting 150th events planned at Appomattox Plantation in City Point and Historic Hopewell will be offering activities at Weston Plantation as well as exhibits at St. Dennis Chapel in City Point.

Please remember that the health of our rivers – which provide us with recreation and drinking water -- depends on us. What we put in our rivers, either directly or indirectly, affects the quality of our drinking water, as well as the health of our rivers in general. If you would like more information on being good stewards of our waterways, please contact the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation.

Hope you all have a wonderful summer.



Mayor Christina Luman-Bailey





City of Hopewell hires new Police Chief

John F. Keohane

HOPEWELL, VA — John F. Keohane, Police Major for Richmond Police Department took the position of Police Chief here May 1, 2011.

The hiring of Major Keohane concludes an extensive, nationwide search for a new Chief that began in February 2011. In all, 83 applicants from twenty-seven states applied for the position. Six of the most qualified candidates were selected after the screening and interview process. The six completed an assessment center evaluation and were interviewed and responded to questions from two interview panels.

Major Keohane brings over 27 years of police experience to Hopewell to include over sixteen years of supervisory experience and six years at the Senior Command level. His last assignment, Major Keohane commanded over 150 personnel within major crime and

narcotic investigations, special operations, special events and homeland security.

His accomplishments include playing an integral part in developing and implementing the sector policing strategy in Richmond in 2005 which led to significant crime reductions and strong partnerships with all criminal justice agencies and the community. He received the Precinct of the year crime reduction award for two straight years as the Commander of the First Precinct. He credits holding all stakeholders accountable, the team's focus on the mission, and strong community partnerships to his success. He has vast experience within patrol operations and deployment, emergency management, commanding special events and tactical operations, violence suppression initiatives, and grants management.

He holds a Master's Degree in Criminal Justice from Virginia Commonwealth University and a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Criminal Justice from the State University of New York, College of Technology. He is a graduate of the Senior Management Institute of Police Session #44. He also is a State certified general, firearms, and defensive tactics law enforcement trainer. In addition, he holds memberships in the following professional organization: the International Association of Chiefs of Police, the Virginia Association of Chiefs of Police, and the Police Research Executive Forum.

According to Hopewell City Manager, Dr. Edwin C. Daley, "Major Keohane will be an outstanding addition to the Hopewell Community. He is working hard for a short transition period and to relocate his family to the City of Hopewell."

Exhibition Opening at St. Dennis Chapel

New Exhibition Highlights the African American Experience in City Point during the Civil War

Sunday, May 22 2011, 2:00pm - 4:00pm

Come discover some of the most fascinating stories of a critical time in American history. Seeking Freedom Where the Rivers Meet: Contrabands, Colored Troops and City Point will open at the City Point Early History Museum on May 22. The opening event, from 2:00 PM to 5:00 PM, is open to the public.

The purpose of this exhibition is to explain, through words and images, the African American experience of moving from slavery to freedom during the Civil War.

This exhibition tells the story of those individuals who took the step to become contrabands and then supporters of the Union cause by working for the Union army either as paid employees or as soldiers.

It focuses on the story of the contrabands who worked for the Union army at City Point and on the personal story of Richard Slaughter. Richard Slaughter, born a slave in City Point, became in turn a contraband, a free man and a soldier.

“We are so excited to be giving our community and our visitors the opportunity to learn about these special stories,” says Shirley Belkowitz, Director of Museums for the Historic Hopewell Foundation, Inc. “The photographs, prints and documents we have on display are amazing. And they are great ways to understand the important



events and the everyday lives of that time period.”

This exhibition, presented by the Historic Hopewell Foundation, is part of the commemorative events and activities of the Sesquicentennial of the American Civil War being promoted by the Hopewell Sesquicentennial Committee. Funding for the exhibition has been generously provided by the City of Hopewell.

The City Point Early History Museum is housed in the St. Dennis Chapel (1887) in the National Historic District

of Hopewell. This district contains a number of historic structures, including Appomattox Manor, the headquarters of General Grant during the Civil War.

The museum is located at 609 Brown Avenue, Hopewell, VA 23286. Hours are Thursday through Saturday 10-4:30 and Sunday 1-4:30. The exhibition will be on display through May 2012. Admission is free. For more information please call 458-4682 or see our website at www.historichopewell.org.

Location :

St. Dennis Chapel, 609 Brown Avenue, Hopewell, VA 23860

Contact : 458-4682

Exhibit will be free and open to the public

Thursdays - Saturday 10-4:30 and Sunday 1-4:30

HOPEWELL HIGH SCHOOL RENOVATION PROJECT



The Hopewell High School renovation project continues to be on schedule and within budget. Phase II of the \$23 million dollar project is well under way with some of the actual renovation completed, including about one-third of the classrooms and the main office. When the total project is completed, the building will have new plumbing and electrical systems, windows, a geothermal HVAC system, and a new building façade. There is a very large amount of work that has to be done this summer, but the contractor assures us that the project will be completed, as scheduled, by the end of 2012. For additional information on this project, please contact Brian Capaldo, Hopewell City Public Schools Communication Specialist at (804) 541-6400.



HHFI hosts Second Sounds of Summer concert series at Weston Plantation

Bring your lawn chairs, blankets, snacks and picnics to the banks of the Appomattox River for free Sunday afternoon concerts at Weston Plantation. Historic Hopewell Foundation is sponsoring a series of concerts.

Performances in June with World Jam Club (June 5) which plays founder Peter Fields' music in addition to Afro-Cuban and Brazilian music. The Ralph Jones Group (June 12) will deliver acoustic Americana music. The Koinonia Jazz Experience will perform June 19th.

The Rotations close the concert series on Sunday, June 26. The popular band plays beach, soul, funk and rock and roll at venues from Hooray for Hopewell to the Virginia State Fair. The Rotations have opened for regional and national acts such as The Average White Band, The Drifters, The Embers, The Catalinas and Fat Ammon's Band.

There is no admission charge for the concerts, which are funded by the Virginia Commission for the Arts'

Local Government Challenge Grant. Audience members need to take chairs or blankets for seating. If they wish, they may take their own refreshments. Artists who have CDs will offer them for sale at the concerts. HHFI's gift shop, All Manor of Things, will be open during the concerts.

For directions to Weston Plantation, use Mapquest for 400 Weston Lane, Hopewell. The 1789 plantation house overlooks the Appomattox River and is off 21st Avenue near the Hopewell Marina.

Founded in 1972 the Historic Hopewell Foundation is a non-profit organization dedicated to the interpretation of the history of the City of Hopewell through the preservation of its historic properties. Weston Plantation and the City Point Early History Museum are properties of the Historic Hopewell Foundation Inc. For information about all our activities and events, please call 804-458-4682 or see our Web site at www.historichopewell.com.

WHY SHOULD PROPERTY OWNERS PARTICIPATE IN THE HRHA PROGRAM

HRHA helps landlords to list their vacant rental units and expedite the leasing process. We provide property owners with quality tenants and offer:

- On time subsidy payments paid directly to you each month
- Provide up-to-date information on program requirements
- On-going counseling and support for tenants and landlords
- Free yearly workshops
- Free yearly inspections
- Ensure tenants comply with program regulations and fulfill their responsibilities as tenants, such as; keep units in decent, safe, sanitary condition, maintain utilities and any tenant provided appliances

**CALL 804-541-4166 FOR MORE INFORMATION
OR TO LIST VACANT UNITS**



The Hopewell Redevelopment & Housing Authority (HRHA) helps families with Section 8 HCV Program adifferent communities throughout the city of Hopewell.

2011 Twilight Concert Series at City Point



FORT LEE CONCERT BAND

Gather the family, pack up some lounge chairs or blankets and head to historic City Point (present day Hopewell) to enjoy a free concert series. A variety of music styles will be featured including 19th century songs, African-American spirituals, Bluegrass, and Americana music.

Concerts occur on the third Friday of each month from May-August at 7:00 p.m.

Schedule

June 17

The Christiannaires

July 15

Back Porch Swing

August 19

The Fort Lee Concert Band allowed.

Human Services Building

The City has completed work on a new 21,000 square foot Human Services Building to house the Department of Social Services. The building will replace the current approximate 9,200 square feet of space formerly occupied by the Department.

The new building which is located downtown, will modernize the departments' operation and enable the City to better serve its citizens. Plans are currently underway for an Open House scheduled for June 16, 2011 from 4:30 P.M. to 5:30 P.M. For additional information, please contact the Department of Social Services at (804) 541-2330, or visit the City's website at www.hopewellva.gov



Historic Hopewell Foundation, Inc. 2011 Lunch & Lecture Series

All programs start at noon and are free and open to the public. Programs are held at the ARLS Hopewell Library. For more information please call HHFI at 804-458-4682.*

June 01—Dennis Farmer—Civil War Comes to Southside
 June 08—Bill Lohman—Backroads and Byways of Virginia
 June 15—Pete Calos—Virginia's WPA Post Office Murals
 June 22—Jeannie Langford—Hopewell High School Football: 1949-51
 June 29—Dan Robbins—Dinwiddie County During the Civil War
 July 06—Kevin Grantz—An Audience with George Washington
 July 13—Mike Schoenenberger—Johnny Reb vs. Billy Yank
 July 20—Ron Bullis—Historic Photographs of Hopewell
 July 27—Dolph Moller—Name That Tune: Music, Humor & Sing Along
 Aug. 03—David Tolleris—Hurricanes in Eastern Virginia
 Aug. 10—Howard Helmer—Militia in the Revolutionary War
 Aug. 17—Bert Duckwall—The Intent of the American Constitution
 Aug. 24—Connie Lapallo—Unsung Heroines: The Women & Children of Jamestown
 Aug. 31—Kevin Grantz—Eccls Cuthbert: Richmond Correspondent
 Sept. 07—Kenny Nye—Waste Problems at the DuPont Plant



12:00 PM—1:00 PM - ARLS Hopewell Library
209 East Cawson Street, Hopewell VA 23860
Bring a bag lunch and HHFI will
supply drinks and dessert!
Information: 804-458-4682
www.historichopewell.org

**Please note that opinions expressed by the presenters do not necessarily reflect those of HHFI.*

Hopewell Recreation & Parks Foundation

Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser

July 30, 2011
8 am - 10 am


APPLEBEE'S


449 South Park Circle • Colonial Heights

Donation: \$5 Advance • \$7 at the door

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Be Extraordinary.
Donate Blood.


American Red Cross-Hopewell
Blood Drive
 Tuesday, June 21st
 12:00pm - 6:00pm
 Hopewell Community Center-Gym
 (100 West City Point Road)

To schedule an appointment or for more information, call 804-458-6007.
Walk-ins welcome!

Remember to drink plenty of water, eat a good meal and bring a photo ID.



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